

MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DR. JOHN EDWARD LOWRY, president of the Medical Society of the County of Queens, delivered the eleventh annual Founders Lecture of the Society on November 19, in the auditorium of the Howard University School of Medicine. Dr. Lowry's subject was, "The Art and the Science of Medicine."

DR. WILLIAM B. RUSSELL, Chairman of the Society's Program Committee presented on its behalf a first check in the sum of \$100.00 for the Howard University Medical Library to DR. MICHAEL M. MILLER of the Division of Psychiatry, who received the donation on behalf of the Library.

At an earlier meeting on Dr. Miller's suggestion, the Society had voted to make an annual contribution of at least this amount for the support of the Library in recognition of the free use of the Library which all members of the Society have enjoyed down the years.

Personal

DR. OTHO B. TAYLOR, (M.D., Meharry, '17) of Knoxville, Tennessee, was unanimously elected by the City Council for a three year term to the City Planning Commission. He was recommended by Mayor George R. Dempster. In the November 1955 issue of the Journal, p. 423, Dr. Taylor's initial appointment to the Commission was announced. At this time he was named to fill an unexpired term of a deceased member.

Dr. Taylor has been a member of the National Medical Association since 1923. For a number of years he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the Volunteer State Medical Association.

DR. ROBERT S. JASON, professor and head of the Department of Pathology and dean of Howard Medical School, was the principal speaker at a series of conferences on professional careers at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. Dr. Jason graduated from Lincoln in 1924.

DR. FRANK B. JOHNSON (M.D., Howard, '44), chief of the Division of Histochemistry and Cytophysics at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C., supervised the recent reconstruction of an electron microscope believed to have been purchased by Adolf Hitler for his personal physician.

DRS. LEONIDAS H. BERRY, T. J. COLE, JONAS ADOMAVICIUS, and ROBERT SCHOOP and JUANITA PURNELL, R.N., from the Provident and Cook County Hospitals and the Department of Medicine of the University of Illinois, presented a paper and an exhibit at the November meeting of the American College of Gastroenterology. The meeting was held in the Hotel Shoreland, Chicago. The studies were supported by a grant from the A. H. Robins Pharmaceutical Company of Richmond, Virginia.

DR. M. WHARTON YOUNG, professor of neuroanatomy in Howard Medical School attended the Sixth International Congress of Anatomy in July 1955, where he presented two papers and a demonstration. The Congress was held in Paris, France.

DR. C. WARFIELD CLARK (M.D., Howard, '44) has returned to his office at 717 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., for the practice of Urology after a tour of duty in the United States Army.

DR. FANNIN S. BELCHER (M.D., Howard, '01) of Savannah, Georgia has announced his retirement as of September 31, 1955 after 54 years of practice.

DR. WILLARD P. RICE (M.D., Univ. Indiana, '24), former Chicago physician, has located his offices at 621 W. Vernon, Los Angeles, California for the practice of internal medicine.

New Diplomates and College Fellows

DRS. GEORGE W. HILLIARD (M.D., Meharry, '42) of Milwaukee, WALDO L. CAIN (M.D., Meharry, '45) of Detroit and FRANK P. LLOYD (M.D., Howard, '46) of Indianapolis, were initiated into the *American College of Surgeons* at its annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois on November 4, 1955.

DR. ALEGRO GODLEY (M.D., Univ. of Michigan, '48) of Detroit, Michigan, has become a diplomate of the *American Board of Internal Medicine*.

DR. E. W. KELLY (M.D., Howard, '33) of Detroit, Michigan, has become a diplomate of the *American Board of Dermatology*.

DR. CHARLES WRIGHT (M.D., Meharry, '43) of Detroit, Michigan, has become a diplomate of the *American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

DR. JOSEPH F. DYER, JR. (M.D., Howard, '44) has become a diplomate of the *American Board of Internal Medicine* and has opened office for the practice of his specialty at 2608 Sherman Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

DR. SAMUEL U. RODGERS (M.D., Howard, '37) has become a diplomate of the *American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology*. He is the first Negro physician in Kansas City, Missouri to be certified in this specialty.

DR. JOHN F. BURTON (M.D., Meharry, '41), of Detroit, Michigan, has become a diplomate of the *American Board of Pathology*.

DR. ETHELENE CROCKETT (M.D., Howard, '46) of Detroit, Michigan, has become a diplomate of the *American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

Deaths

DR. JAMES A. OWEN (M.D., Meharry, '15) of Detroit, Michigan, a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Medical Association, departed this life on July 6, 1955. Dr. Owen was a native of Natchez, Mississippi, and received his early education in the public schools there and at Natchez College. During World War I, he served his country as a Captain in the Medical Corps of the United States Army. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Wilberforce University for 16 years.

Prior to moving to Detroit, Dr. Owen practiced for a number of years in Cleveland, Ohio, where he took an active interest in politics as a Democratic leader. In



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Detroit he was a member of the staffs of the Parkside and Wayne Diagnostic Hospitals.

Dr. Owen married Miss Marie Thomas of Sapulpa, Oklahoma in 1921. He is survived by his wife as well as a brother, Dr. Lee Owen of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

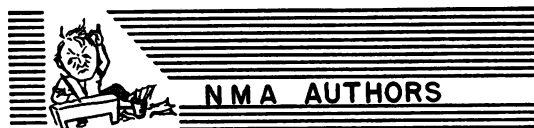
DR. STEPHEN M. McDEW, Sr. (M.D., Meharry, '10), of Savannah, Georgia, died on September 18, 1955.

DR. STERLING F. HOGANS (M.D., Meharry, '24), of Charlotte, North Carolina, died in the autumn of 1955.



JOHN ANDREW KENNEY, M.D., 1874-1950

DR. JOHN ANDREW KENNEY, whose cover portrait on this issue of the *Journal* was drawn by our staff artist, Mrs. Naida Willette Page was Editor of the *Journal* of the National Medical Association for 32 years from 1916 to 1948. He was secretary of the NMA from 1904 to 1912 and was honored by election to the presidency in 1912. A biographical sketch of Dr. Kenney appears in the Kenney Memorial Number of the issue of the *Journal* for May 1950, pp. 175-177. Truly one of the "grand old men" of the NMA, Dr. Kenney lives on not only through the *Journal* but in the careers of his two sons, Dr. John A. Kenney, Jr. (M.D., Howard, '45) a diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology and a former assistant editor of the *Journal* and member of the NMA's Board of Trustees, now engaged in the practice of his specialty in Cleveland, Ohio and Dr. Howard Washington Kenney (M.D., Meharry, '44), a member of the staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama.



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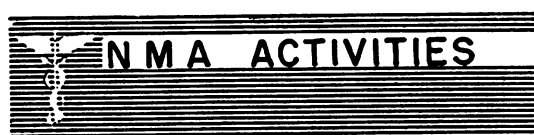
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LEADS IN N.M.A. MEMBERSHIPS

The accompanying table showing the rank of States in paid-up memberships over the year 1950-55, inclusive, presents interesting information. The data show that although the District of Columbia represents only a city and not a state, over this six year period it has furnished 8.2 per cent of the members of the NMA. It is noteworthy that in all the past six years except one, the state which was host to the Convention led in number of paid-up members. Tennessee, which had the Convention in 1953, ranked sixth in that year. The District of Columbia, represented by the Medico-Chirurgical Society, has led in two years, in only one of which was it the Convention host, ranked second in three years and third in one. It is also noteworthy that the strength of the NMA is not concentrated in the South.